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SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" May I know when elections are likely to be held to these municipalities? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :—" Between August and October 1955."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—"இந்த செகண்டரி கிரேடு நகராட்சி மன்றங்களில் அண்மையில் எத்தனை நகராட்சி மன்றங்கள் மாறுதலடைந்து, முதல் கிரேடு நகராட்சி மன்றங்களாக ஆவதற்கு இருக்கின்றன என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் கூறுவாரா ? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :—" The hon. Member must put a separate question."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Starting of Ceramic, Glass, Plastic and Vulcanite factories in the State

16 Q.—SRI T. M. DAIVASIKHAMANI ACHARIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to start Ceramic, Glass, Plastic and Vulcanite factories in the State and if so, where?

A.—The Government have under consideration the question of setting up ceramic units at Neyveli. They have also a proposal to start a sheet glass factory in the State. But the details have not been worked out and no decision has been taken in regard to its location. The Government have no proposal to start plastic and vulcanite factories.

Marine and fresh water Aquarium in Madras

17 Q.—SRI T. M. DAIVASIKHAMANI ACHARIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to build a Marine and fresh water Aquarium in Madras, if so, where and at what cost; and

(*b*) whether the plans and estimates of the same are ready?

A.—(*a*) Proposals for opening a Marine Aquarium in Marina Beach are under investigation. The site for the Aquarium has not yet been finally decided and the cost of the buildings, etc., also has not yet been estimated.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

Increase in the sales tax on shop made jewellery

18 Q.—SRI T. M. DAIVASIKAMANI ACHARIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have revoked their decision to increase the sales tax on shop made jewellery from 9 pies to Re. 0–1–3;

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(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor;

(*c*) the estimated approximate income thereby to the State annually;

(*d*) the annual average income to Government from the sales tax levied on betel leaves;

(*e*) whether the Government received any representations from jewellery workers and their associations protesting against the abolition of the increased sales tax on shop made jewellery; and

(*f*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place them on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) The Government had originally decided to levy an additional sales tax of 6 pies per rupee on articles made of gold or silver, but subsequently agreed to delete the above articles from the Bill at the time of its discussion in the Legislative Assembly. No decision was however taken by the Government to increase the sales tax on shop made jewellery from 9 pies to one anna three pies.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) Does not arise.

(*d*) Rs. 1·45 lakhs.

(*e*) The Government received some representations protesting against the dropping of the proposed levy of additional sales tax on articles made of gold or silver at the rate of 6 pies per rupee.

(*f*) The Government consider that no useful purpose will be served by placing the representations on the table of the House.

Service conditions of employees in the Government Transport.

19 *Q.*—Sri V. GURUNANDAN ROW: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the classes of employees and their conditions of service in the Government Transport in the City of Madras;

(*b*) whether the employees of Government Transport are governed by the Factories Act or by the Madras Shops and Establishments Act;

(*c*) how many of the employees of the Transport department are permanent and how many of them are temporary;

(*d*) what is the maximum period of service of employees who are still temporary; and

(*e*) whether any class of employees like conductors, etc., have no weekly holidays or annual leave facilities?

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A.—(*a*) As regards classes of employees, a statement [a] is laid on the table of the House.

All the posts in the Transport department are temporary and are continued from year to year. The question of framing service rules regulating the conditions of service of the employees in the Transport department is under the consideration of the Government.

(*b*) The technical workers of the Government Transport department alone are governed by the Factories Act. The Madras Shops and Establishments Act has not been made applicable to the Transport department.

(*c*) All the employees of the Transport department are temporary.

(*d*) About 7 years and 9 months in some cases.

(*e*) Excepting the daily paid staff among the traffic and technical (work-charged) establishment who are not allowed leave or holiday with wages, all the staff on the monthly paid category enjoy weekly holidays, annual leave facilities, etc.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. CHAIRMAN.

ACTS ASSENTED TO BY THE GOVERNOR.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to announce to the House that the Madras Irrigation (Levy of Betterment Contribution) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 26 of 1954), which was passed by the Madras Legislature on the 17th February 1955 received the assent of the Governor on the 4th March 1955 and has been published as Act No. III of 1955 in Part IV-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 16th March 1955.

" I have also to announce to the House that the Madras City Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1955 (L.A. Bill No. 1 of 1955), which was passed by the Madras Legislature on the 8th February 1955 received the assent of the Governor on the 4th March 1955 and has been published as Act No. IV of 1955 in Part IV-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 16th March 1955."

III.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS.

3-30 p.m. (1) ELECTION OF NINE MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I move—

' *That, with reference to Rule 154 of the Madras Council Rules, this Council do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. Chairman to elect nine members to be members of the Committee of Privileges for the financial year* 1955–56.' "

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[a] **Printed as Appendix II on pages 606–607 infra.**